

Partly cloudy weather and possibly showers; westerly winds.

NO. 1476.

## WHITE WINGS STILL FOLDED

### The Flying Squadron Chafes at Its Anchors in Hampton Roads.

### THE FLEET ON THE QUI VIVE

From Jackies to Commodore the Men are Worn Out by Suspense and Enforced Inactivity—New Arrivals and Orders—How the News of the Victory Was Received.

Newport News, May 2.—While Commodore Schley's flying squadron is not yet on the wing, the ships are being held in readiness to go out at an hour's notice. The auxiliary cruiser Scorpion did not arrive yesterday as was reported, but dropped anchor off Old Point this afternoon. The Scorpion, which is one of the best and speediest of the converted cruisers, will probably join the flying squadron as dispatch boat. The gunboat Hancock, en route from Boston to Key West, arrived at Old Point this afternoon. The training ship Alliance, which put out to sea just before the recent hurricane, came into Hampton Roads this morning. Much uneasiness has been felt in regard to her on account of her age and the belief that she is not seaworthy. One of the officers who was ashore at Old Point today declared that the training ship is now looking.

The former Brazilian cruiser Nietheroy will arrive here on the 14th instant if she sailed yesterday, according to schedule. She will at once be transformed into an auxiliary cruiser on the same plans used in the transformation of the El Rio and El Sud, sister ships of the Nietheroy, which was formerly the Morgan liner El Cid, all three of the vessels having been built here.

"Sampson's ships have been at it for a

"The Great President."

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WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1898.

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## CHASE GUNBOATS

### Three American Warships Scare Off Spanish Mosquitoes.

### A RICH PRIZE TAKEN

### Spanish General and His Staff Are Prisoners.

### CLEARED FOR A SEA FIGHT

Supposed Enemy Proves to Be the English Gunboat Talbot, Bound South to Inspect the Blockade—An Incident of Last Friday.

Key West, Fla., May 3.—The gunboat Nashville, that fired the first shot of the war when she captured the Buena Ventura, is now coming to Key West to report the capture of a valuable Spanish mail steamer.

At 6 o'clock the new torpedo boat McKee reached here from Baltimore and escorted once or twice between the ships. She was universally admired.

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## THE SITUATION.

The Senate had a busy day and many important war measures were rushed through without delay. The war revenue bill was reported from the House and sent to committee.

The House passed the army and navy deficiency bill unanimously. The naval appropriation bill conference report was also agreed to, and now awaits the President's signature. A bill was passed authorizing additional army surgeons. A bill to temporarily suspend the peace restrictions on quartermaster's expenditures also passed.

The flying squadron received the news of Commodore Dewey's victory with intense enthusiasm, without a thought of jealousy. The men are nearly worn out with suspense and enforced inactivity.

The Spanish mail steamer Venezuela has been captured by our fleet and the Spanish general Vincente de Cortijo and his staff made prisoners of war.

the breach as he gazed at the supposed enemy.

Meantime the Spanish officers, in a group between two of the after guns, rubbed their hands, gesticulated and showed many signs of delight that they were requested by a Yankee officer to go below. The Sun's yacht at this time was within half of the Nashville, but when she bent to quarters she dropped astern somewhat. We were not exactly scared, of course, but thought we would get a better view of the battle if out of the smoke limit.

The Cross of St. George. Then the flag at the staff of the stranger fluttered into view and the red cross of St. George on a white field, the British naval ensign, appeared, a sign that the American sailor has come to speak of with hearty good will. The stranger was the gunboat Talbot, bound south as her signals read, probably for a look at the American blockade.

She was clean lined, well kept and worthy of the pride of any nation. The Nashville arrived here tonight with the captured Spanish soldiers and the prize mail steamer will arrive later.

A SKYLARKING CRAFT. The Little Porter Has Fun With the Spaniards.

Key West, May 2.—The little torpedo boat Porter, Lieut. Fremont in command, had a lively chase after three Spanish gunboats while scouting last Friday along the Cuban coast to the east of Havana. It was near dusk when the Porter running far in shore sighted three gunboats. They appeared to be converted tugboats and Fremont set out to catch them. The fact that they were three to his one did not occur to him. When he got within about four miles of the enemy they were able to make out what he was and they took to their heels hugging the shore. The Porter put on all steam and made for them, but the water was so shallow that with the increased speed the little boat ducked down and dragged along the bottom. The propellers too, threw mud high into the air.

In consequence the Porter had to let down and run at a nine knot gait. Seeing that he could not catch the enemy Capt. Porter opened fire on them with his one-pounders, but the distance was too great. He kept banging away, however, and the Spaniards did likewise as they fled before him. Spain's guns were much heavier but fell short.

Had they made a stand they might have given the Porter an interesting fight as the water was too shallow for the use of torpedoes.

The gunboats in their flight spread out like small boys running from a policeman. One of them was much swifter than the others and soon got out of the way, but the other two were in danger of being hit for thirty miles. They finally ran under the shelter of some small batteries and were safe.

The Porter has scouted along the whole northern coast of Cuba generally as close as a man and a half from the shore.

Cavalry have been found patrolling the coast. At one place near Havana the Porter ran close enough to shore to distinguish the faces of Spanish soldiers, who were working on small forts. The soldiers kept right on at work, making no attempt to use their rifles, so the torpedo boat let them alone.

Another day the forwarded three regiments of cavalry for ten miles along a shore road and watched them go into a fort within seven miles of Havana. It is apparent from these movements that Blanco is concentrating all his forces about Havana.

CLARA BARTON IS NOT ILL. The Famous Red Cross Chief Orders More Supplies to Key West.

New York, May 2.—Miss Clara Barton does not intend to remain ill at Key West because the Government has delayed her trip to Cuba with relief supplies. She sent this telegram to the Central Postal Directory at Havana today:

"Send me twenty tons of general provisions at once."

At the committee room it was said that the supplies would be sent to Key West by the steamer Wednesday. The goods will be taken from the four hundred tons of contributions now in Brooklyn.

Miss Barton said she would like to see to it that the provisions were to be put, but it is believed that they will be used to relieve distress among the refugees from Cuba now at Key West and adjacent points.

Two more carloads of provisions arrived here today for the relief committee. One was from Omaha and the other from Des Moines. That is the first thereplough supplies on hand to land another relief ship by the time the way to Cuba is opened by Admiral Sampson and the army of invasion.

Secretary Davis's Busy Day. Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis yesterday rendered a large number of decisions in pension cases, in several instances affirming and in a number of instances reversing the action of the bureau.

The reversal of the action of the bureau of Stephen Elliott, of Sullivan, Ind., late of Company H, Ninety-first Illinois Infantry, in which the Assistant Secretary holds that a pensioner under the law of July 14, 1862, files an application for additional pension, based on a newly alleged cause of disability, not specified in the original application, dated from the time of filing such application, and not from the date of the examining surgeon's certificate establishing a pensionable degree of disability from said newly alleged cause, in such case the date of commencement is governed by the proviso in section 2 of the act of March 2, 1875, and not by section 426-1-2 Revised Statutes."

The Weather-Libbey & Co. say—Partly cloudy and possibly showers.

## MARTIAL LAW

### Madrid Civil Officials Unable to Cope With the Situation.

### ORDERED TO SURRENDER

### Philippine's Governor Probably Instructed to Yield.

### MADRID WILD WITH RAGE

### The Populace Realize That They Have Been Grossly Deceived and an Uprising is Feared—The Cabinet Said to Have Been Debauched by First Dispatches From Manila—Carlists and Republicans Held Responsible for the Disorders.

Madrid, May 2.—Evening.—The civil governor has just caused to be posted on the walls of the home office a proclamation intimating that the civil officials have transformed the control of the capital to the military authorities, who are now responsible for the maintenance of order.

Gen. Daban, commander of the First Army Corps, has therefore assumed the reins. Military patrols are out and the police and gendarmes are also under military control. This measure is the direct result of the attitude of the Carlists and republicans.

Long dispatches from Admiral Montijo, the commander of the late Spanish squadron at Manila, were received here this afternoon. They doubtless gave the details of the losses sustained by the Spaniards, but the government will not communicate their contents to the public.

A semi-official statement that was issued today puts the total Spanish loss ashore and afloat at only 400 men killed and wounded.

It is reported that Prime Minister Sagasta has informed the queen regent that the fortifications at Cavite have been totally razed by the enemy and that the unfortified part of Manila is burning.

The cabinet has been summoned to hold a special meeting this evening. It is believed that the ministers have virtually decided to accept the inevitable and to cable the governor of the Philippines to comply with Commodore Dewey's ultimatum.

Spanish Excuses. Among the various rumors spread with the idea of accounting for the American success is one that asserts that the American ships fired petroleum bombs. Another report has it that the half-breed engineers at the arsenal, who were known to be untrustworthy, cut the cables connecting the mines in the harbor.

The spirit of false elation prevailing twenty-four hours ago, based on the ministerial misrepresentation regarding the battle at Manila, has yielded to great indignation now that the facts are seen in their true perspective.

The people have become fully aware that the Spanish squadron has been lost, and that the situation is hopeless. They expect momentarily to hear that Manila has been captured and that the Philippine Islands are in the hands of the enemy.

Everywhere it is asked with exasperation why the passage of the American squadron into the harbor was not disputed, why the defenders were taken by surprise, despite the fact that they had full knowledge that an attack was impending, and why the mines in the harbor were not used to destroy the invading ships.

The continued withholding of the whole truth and the suppression of the particulars regarding the losses sustained are goading the populace into a dangerous temper. The exhortations to calmness made by the more sober ministerial newspapers only increase the impatience.

The public, realizing how they have been bamboozled, seek for a scapegoat, and Senator Moret, minister of the colonies, has been chosen as the victim.

Moret today has repeatedly tried to assuage Senator Moret's house and have only been prevented by a strong force of mounted and unmounted police. The house is now guarded. Similar precautions have been taken at the residences of the other ministers, and guards have been placed around the government buildings. The garrison troops are confined to their barracks under arms.

The second of May celebration was seized upon as the occasion for vehement denunciations of the corruption and

Light Weight Underwear. fancy